From the Principal…

Well the school year is drawing to a close and this will be the last newsletter for 2014. There have been many highlights this year particularly in our priority areas of reading and implementing School wide Positive behaviour program. This year we achieved some of our best ever NAPLAN results in the area of reading. The staff have worked passionately around implementing new reading comprehension programs, reading intervention programs and classroom guided reading, which has resulted in many gains for the students. In the area of school wide behaviour, our work has been recognised though an outstanding Behaviour Audit report placing us in the top 4% of schools. I would like to thank all of the staff for their commitment to the education and learning of our students throughout the year. All of the staff here conduct themselves in a very professional manner and are constantly looking for ways to provide the best education possible for every child, every day.

At the end of this year, it is very sad for us to farewell Mrs Natalier after 25 years of service at our school. Her commitment to the welfare and education of the students has been legendary, I am sure that everyone has a special memory or story of how she has touched their lives. It is hard to express our gratitude for all that she has contributed to the school. So we wish her well in her retirement and I am sure she will be back to visit us before too long. So please make sure you pop in and see her before she finishes at the end of next week.

2015 Enrolments
Our school is continuing to receive more new enrolments for next year. To assist with planning for 2015, we would appreciate if you could indicate to us whether or not your child/ren will be returning to Tent Hill Lower SS next year. There is a cut off slip on the last page of the newsletter for families to return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Staff
At this stage all staff will remain the same for 2015. Only our Music teacher will change. Miss Chapman, who already teaches LOTE here, will also be taking on Music in 2015. Thank you to our 2104 music teacher, Mr Langerak, for his work here this year.

Report cards
Report cards will be released Thursday next week. Booklists will be sent home at the same time.

School Library
Mrs Smith wishes to advise the school library is now closed for any further borrowing. Any students with outstanding books at home, are requested to return these to school no later than Monday. Also, please check to ensure there are no reading books left at home or in homework folders, as we are currently doing stocktake. You assistance with this is most appreciated.
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is: “Be Safe”
‘Stay safe these school holidays’
Tent Hill Lower is a School Wide Positive Behaviour School!

SCHOOL NEWS…

2015 ENROLMENTS
If you know someone who is planning on enrolling at our school IN ANY YEAR LEVEL next year please have them contact the school for enrolment forms.

2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS
On Wednesday 10th December, at 9.00am, Year 5 students will present their school captain speeches in front of the school assembly. Following this, all students will participate in elections to vote for 2 students to hold the position of School Captain for 2105. The results will be announced that evening at the Presentation night. Parents are welcome to attend the speech presentation.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION EVENING
A note was sent home earlier in the week with information regarding our presentation evening on Wednesday 10th. The note also outlined what students should wear. Please contact us if you need to clarify anything. Students need to be back at school by 5.15pm ready for a 5.30pm start. Following the student entertainment, we will continue with our school presentations to the graduating students, 2015 school captains elect announcement, Academic awards, Most Consistent Effort awards, and special presentations. The P&C will present students with their end of year prize book. They are also holding their annual multi draw raffle which will be drawn on the night.

To conclude the evening, families are asked to bring either a savoury or sweet platter to share for supper afterwards. The evening should conclude around 7.00pm.

DREAMWORLD excursion
What an amazing day all of the students, parents and staff had at Dreamworld last week. All students were eligible to rewards excursion which is an enormous achievement. We are very proud of the behaviour of the students at this school. It is a credit to the staff and parents for the great job they do in supporting our young people through teaching them the skills they need to help them learn and to get along with others. We have lots of photos from the day on display in our foyer, so please come in and have a look. Some photos are on Page 3 of the newsletter.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL YRS 4-7
The students who attended the Swimming Carnival last week, are to be commended for the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Congratulations to our three age champions.
9 yr old boy – Tait Zischke
11yr old boy – Kye Zischke;
12yr old girl – Kyha Black

P&C NEWS

Mulitdraw Donations
Just a reminder that we need a donation from EVERY family to make our last fundraiser a success. Please send them in as soon as possible so we can wrap them for sale at the concert. Thanks in advance for your support.

Yrs 6 and 7 transition to Junior Secondary

Year level Orientation Day – all day
Year 7 Mon 8 Dec
Year 6 Tues 9 Dec

ROPEHILL CAROLS
Ropehill Community Carols will be held at the Ropehill Community Sports Centre on Monday December 8. A BBQ with steak burgers, sausages and drinks will be on sale from 6pm, followed by the carols programme at 7pm.

END OF TERM
The P&C will run a Sausage Sizzle and provide iceblocks for all students on Thursday, 11th December. Students will still require morning tea on that day. This will also be a fun day with some games and a movie. The last day of the year is a clean up day for anyone attending.

2105 SCHOOL YEAR
The school office will re-open on Thursday 22nd January. Teachers will be participating in Student free days prior to the commencement of school from Wednesday 21st—23rd January. School commences on Tuesday 27th January 2015 following the Australia day long weekend.

SCHOOL WATCH
Please keep a watch on our school these school holidays. If you see anything suspicious please call the SCHOOL WATCH HOTLINE 13 17 88.
From the Chaplain…Chappy Margaret Thorpe

What is Christmas for you?

There is something special about this time of year, isn't there? Yes, I know many of us are flat out, trying to get work completed before the Christmas break. I know things can also be rather stressful at the shopping centres - fighting over car parks and dealing with the crowds. And there is the challenge of spending time with certain family members over the holidays.

Most families develop their own special Christmas traditions: it may be walking or driving around to look at the Christmas lights; perhaps you like to have your own Christmas lights display. For some families the Christmas tree goes up on the 1st December, for others it happens just before Christmas Day.

In Queensland we tend to prefer a cold Christmas lunch / dinner featuring seafood rather than a traditional hot roast, though somehow the special hot Christmas dinner has appeal. As long as I don’t have to cook it!

For many of us the lead up to Christmas with end of year events, social outings leaves us almost exhausted before the big day. If you have to travel from one family to another on Christmas Day it can be stressful and tiring. At the end of the day we are left exhausted and feeling like the stuffed Christmas turkey!

Some families like to go away to the beach or camping or perhaps stay at home and enjoy a relaxed Christmas Day in the shade… or air-conditioning.

Whatever your Christmas traditions, I hope and pray that your family will be safe and be able to enjoy the peace of Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you in 2015.

1. What often falls at the North Pole but never gets hurt? Snow!

2. A donkey carried Mary to Bethlehem. What do you call a three legged donkey? A Wonky!

3. What is Santa’s dog called? Santa Paws!

Please cut off and return to school by 10th December 2014

My child/ren ______________________________________________________________;

will / will not be returning to Tent Hill Lower S.S. in 2015.

Signed ___________________________________________